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25 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MEM 02-50: "The Outlook for Guatemala"

1. This is a scheduled estimate (IAC-D-1/21, 8 October 1937). It gives our early appreciation of the character and prospects of the recently inaugurated Ydigoras administration.
2. The present draft is fully agreed at the representative level. No substantial issue is likely to be raised at the IAC.
3. The estimate is inconclusive with respect to a key problem: whether Ydigoras will be able to develop effective party and popular support for the middle-of-the-road policy which we believe he intends to pursue. It is too soon for us to be able to estimate on this point. We make a contingent estimate that, if he is unable to do so, rising leftist opposition will cause him to resort to increasingly authoritarian methods.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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